

MINUTES
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
ZONE 5 WOMEN
OCTOBER 20, 2014
Royal Colwood Golf Club

PRESENT: Margaret Rogers, Lee Frank, Peggy Wright, Bonnie Fung, Annie Jakubowski, Barbara Rainey

Meeting called to order by the Chair at 10:08 am. 14 clubs were present constituting a quorum. A total of 40 ladies were in attendance.

Notice of Meeting was read.

Minutes of October 21, 2013 which were pre-distributed, were moved to accept by Susan Morriss (UP), seconded by Karen James (Vic).

There was no business arising from the Minutes.

REPORTS:

TREASURER; Bonnie Fung (Financial Statement distributed)

Auditor's Report read approving Financial Statement. Bonnie thanked Dale Foxall for his assistance and guidance.

End of Year:

Cash in chequing account	\$8,304.30
Money Market Investment Account	\$4,083.37
Petty Cash	\$ 100.00

Surplus for juniors that is included in above figures is \$1,699.37.

Note that \$4,000 from the chequing account has been used to purchase a one year GIC leaving a balance of \$4,304.30. The major reason for our healthy bank balance is the ongoing support from our 2 sponsors; Metro Lexus Toyota and Susan Dafoe of National Bank Financial. Another reason is the continued support of the local golf courses and players that enable us to break even on the Zone tournaments.

The creation of a new website has accrued a cost of \$1,000 to date. Minimal costs associated with training, and expanding the site will follow. Funding provided by Susan Dafoe of National Bank Financial.

Levies received from Clubs on behalf of members decreased from 1462 in 2013 to 1406 in 2014.

Receipts from raffle baskets as follows at various tournaments;

Amateur/Senior/Handicap	\$94 – proceeds to General Revenue
Net Tournament	\$172 – proceeds to Junior account
Foursomes	\$526 – proceeds to Player Development Trust Fund

COURSE RATING & HANDICAP: Peggy Wright**Course Rating:**

As a means to recruit new course raters, especially men, I conducted a series of Course Rating Webinars in late March/early April. As a first attempt, participation was mainly women, with many Zone 5 women expressing interest. Unfortunately being a smaller Zone, we do not have that many courses that need re-rating. That being said, the Zone 5 team did do a re-rating of Royal Colwood in May and Cedar Hill in August. Metchosin will be slated for next year and hopefully we can get a couple of interested ladies out with us.

In late May/early June, conducted 3 Course Rating Seminars for the more experienced raters: Zone 1 in Creston, Zone 3 at Northview and Zone 5 at Duncan Meadows. These seminars were very successful and popular; the main thrust being to make sure we are all on the same wave length with rating; Men and Woman.

In early September, my husband (Bryan) and I went into Zones 1W, 2N and 2S and re-rated some 15 courses, mainly for Men, but managed to get a couple of smaller courses done for the Women. It was a busy 12 days but very productive.

Handicap:

Problems continue with both men and women not entering their scores in a timely fashion or not entering 'T' scores. All clubs should have a Handicap Manual which puts forth the rules and regulations regarding the posting of scores and which scores MUST be entered. It also states which scores should be designated as "Tournament" scores. It is recommended that your Handicap/Tournament/Rules Chair post at the beginning of the season, those tournaments where scores must be entered as "T" scores. All scores for Zone events (except the Foursomes where you play alternate shot), Provincial, National and Field Days, where you play your own ball, must be entered as "T" scores. These are considered to be 'significant' events. Included in your package today is a sheet explaining "What Score Do You Put Into The Computer". It explains Equitable Stroke Control, Most Likely Score and Par Plus Score. There are not many rounds that cannot be entered into your scoring record. If you have not already done so, please post. These were originally handed out at the Spring Captains Meeting.

On-line Handicap Webinars will start again in the Spring. Dates are Feb. 9th, Mar. 9th, Apr. 6th and May 11th. Information regarding registration has been included in your folder.

Our posting season in B.C. ends November 15th at the latest, reopening March 1, 2015, course conditions permitting. For those Snowbirds, when you play a course where the posting season is open, go online and enter your scores. When your own course system opens in the Spring, those scores should be there and counting.

JUNIOR DEVELOPMENT: Anni Jakubowski

Although our registration of junior girls is small, we have had a significant year of junior golf. March 16th was the Meet & Greet at Gorge Vale GC where the schedule of events was announced. Shubba Hosalli, Cindy Koira's Mom, gave a yoga demonstration including some stretches and poses to help relax and focus. Everyone found this to be fun and useful.

Junior Development (Cont'd)

2014 was Zone 5's turn to organize and host the Vancouver Island Junior Girls Championship in Nanaimo on May 18th. Unfortunately, some players were delayed from the North end of the Island due to a serious accident on the highway. A total of 10 girls participated; 5 from each Zone. Shirin Anjarwalla, Nanaimo, was the Low Gross Winner; Abigail Rigsby, Crown Isle, Low Net Winner; Akari Hayashi (UP) was 2nd Low Net.

May 31st was our fun day at the Ridge and sponsor Susan Dafoe participated, treating those in attendance to lunch. Highlight of the day was a Hole-In-One by Cindy Koira. Cindy was presented with a hole-in-one marker at the year-end event.

Our 2-day Championship was held in June at Cedar Hill and Gorge Vale. The Dale Shaw trophy for Low Gross was presented to Mirai Hayashi (UP). Her sister, Akari, was runner-up. The Norma Kronlund Trophy for Low Net was presented to exchange student Bee Borvorosuwan from Taiwan, playing out of Uplands. Cindy Koira was low net runner-up.

Cindy Koira of Glen Meadows was selected by Golf Canada to represent Canada as a team member at the Calloway Junior World Championships in San Diego. She also received the Save-On-Food "Amazing Kid" award in August. Cindy, Tessa Frame, Akari & Mirai Hayashi all played in the Ryder Cup Matches at Pheasant Glen in September. Zone 5 was victorious! Financial assistance was given to those girls participating in the BC Summer games and the BC Bantam Championship.

I would like to thank the committee members for their continued support with the junior girls, be it walking scorers, doing Rules and all the correspondence, tournament charts, scorecards, etc. All this prepares them for competition at the BC's and other important tournaments outside the Zone. Our ability to help the girls financially would not be possible without the support and sponsorship of Susan Dafoe, National Bank Financial, and those clubs that contribute specifically to the juniors.

PUBLICITY: Barbara Rainey

In the absence of a Publicity Chair, Marg Rogers has appointed me to look after Publicity in 2015. Once all the contact and email addresses were determined, it wasn't that difficult to bombard the news media with articles regarding tournaments. We received fair coverage from the Times Colonist, mainly in the scoreboard section, but a couple of articles were printed regarding the Amateur/Senior/Handicap and the NET Tournament results. The best of all was the Island Golfer although our tournaments are not timely with their publication dates. Even the local papers were pretty supportive in Cowichan, the Peninsula News and Victoria News where we received good coverage for the Junior Girls.

Next project will be putting together Photo Books for our sponsors at year-end.

RULES: Lee Frank:

Our Rules Clinic was held in late April at Olympic View with fewer than expected in attendance. Actually the lower numbers did allow for more interaction between the presenters and the attendees. As these Clinics are held in alternate years, there will not be one in 2015. New Rule Books will be published in 2015 which can be obtained from Golf Canada or your local Pro Shop.

RULES (Cont'd)

Officiated at two junior girls tournaments and it is unfortunate that there are not more of them as these girls can really play. We have the space and financial support for them.

Would like to thank Peg Wright specifically for officiating at the NET Tournament, as well as the Foursomes. Also our thanks to Christina Munro, Barry Anderson, Alison Murdoch and Trevor Brown who helped at the Rules Clinic and the Foursomes. We are fortunate to have such learned rules officials in our Zone.

Thanks to everyone who continue to remind their membership of the importance of Pace of Play. It seems to be moving in a positive direction which is good for the game of golf.

VICE CHAIR: (Read by Marg Rogers)

Overall, there were 238 participants in the 2014 tournaments, and thanks to the generous sponsorships from Metro Lexus Toyota and Susan Dafoe of National Bank Financial, we were able to cost the tournament budgets with a net income of \$417.67 in spite of the fact that we lowered some entry fees and increased some prize purses. The fact that all but two of our tournament registrants provided email addresses made it possible to enhance direct communication to participants before, during and after the events.

Results from the Amateur/Senior/Handicap Championship are as follows

Bree Sharratt (BM) Amateur Champion; Alison Murdoch (Vic) Senior Champion; and Lou Watkins (CB), the Handicap Champion. Because of the generous sponsorship from MLT, we were able to lower the entry fees by 11% and increase the prize purse by 35% over 2013 levels. Special thanks to Captains Ann Martyn at Royal Colwood and Pat Molyneaux of Cowichan for their exceptional support.

Results from the Net Tournament, July 17th were Overall Low Net Winner, Jacqui Watson of Cordova Bay with a net 64 and Runner-up Darlene Wellington of Salt Spring Is. with a net 67 (tie broken by matching cards). Ardmore ladies were exceptional hosts. Our thanks to Captain Jan Pelton for providing on and off the course volunteers, particularly the gentlemen who gave of their time to help on the course.

Registration this year for the Foursomes was slightly higher than 2013 on closing day, only to have two cancellations due to illness. Our thanks to Doreen Hall, Captain at Cedar Hill for recruiting such great volunteers and arranging for the no-host luncheon. Two teams were tied for Medalists honours at Net 63 with the Cowichan pair of Pat Molyneaux & Christa Robson just edging out the Arbutus Ridge pair of Mardie Austman & Patricia Benson after tie breaker procedures. After four demanding days of match play, Lee Frank of Olympic View and her partner Sue Ovans of Cordova Bay emerged victorious. Team Trophy honours went to Arbutus Ridge, Barb Bertagnolli & Marilyn Znider and Patricia Benson & Mardie Austman. Our thanks to all the clubs that hosted the Foursomes and our thanks again to Susan Dafoe for her financial support.

All results for 2014 can be found on the Zone website at www.bcgazone5women.org

In closing, I have been honoured to serve as Vice Chair/Tournament Chair this year and have enjoyed the challenges and the opportunity to meet so many wonderful women across Zone 5. While personal demands necessitate my stepping down, I want to extend my sincere thanks to each of this year's participants, the Professionals at the 8 golf courses, to the ladies captains, and last but not least, to the members of the Zone 5 executive team without whose support these events simply would not have happened. Best wishes for success in 2015.

CHAIR: Margaret Rogers

The year began with a real cleanup of binders and duplicated information. Barb and Peg spent a day at my home and the result was the elimination of approx 12 binders. Committee members will keep records for 2 years past plus current year; the exception being the Secretary who will keep all important past information, either in binders or on a memory stick.

To add to the Treasurer and Tournament Chairs' reports, we did subsidize the Zone 5 Winners of the Amateur & Senior Tournaments with \$2,000 travelling expenses to the BC Championships. We were delighted to see Penny Baziuk make the BC Senior Team for Nationals.

All of the Tournaments went well this year, just one wet day and all the participants managed this well. Nancy did a great job of keeping everyone informed. We thank Nancy for that as it went over very well with all of the participants. If we are going to keep these Tournaments going, we need all of your help to have more participants, so please talk it up with your members.

Due to the resignation of our Publicity Chair, Melanie Iverson (SSI) early in the year, Barb Rainey took over the duties of the position. Melanie felt that the travel situation with ferries was a little more than she had expected. We thank Melanie for the time she served with us.

We are very excited about our new website which will enhance our ability to keep you better informed and Barb will be giving a presentation later on.

ZONE COUNCIL REP: Barbara Rainey

The next meeting of the Zone Council will be October 30th. At this point the Reps are submitting their reports and subjects such as Policy & Procedures, Membership, Zone Grants, Pace of Play, entering Handicap, and Junior Girls will be on the Agenda. Will report on my return.

HARRIS ERICKSON: Bree Sharratt, 2014 Chair (read by Barbara Rainey)

Harris Erickson held 17 competitions in 2014, all of which were stroke play events and the vast majority of which were played in excellent weather conditions. We would like to thank the following golf courses for their support: Arbutus Ridge, Bear Mountain, Cedar Hill, Cowichan, Glen Meadows, Gorge Vale, Olympic View, Royal Colwood, Uplands, Victoria and our newest supporter, Highland Pacific.

We had a total of 23 members this year. The year-end results were:

Low Gross	-	Alison Murdoch
2 nd Loss Gross	-	Penny Baziuk
3 rd Low Gross	-	Colleen Wheatley
Low Net	-	Margaret Forman
2 nd Low Net	-	Georgina Hermans

The 6th Annual Island Challenge Cup was held this year at Crown Isle. This tournament is contested over 2 days with a format much like the Solheim Cup. The Cup was retained by the Dawn Coe-Jones Groupe (Zone 6). Next year the Island Challenge will be hosted by Zone 5.

The Huntting Cup was held at Bear Mountain this year on the Valley Course. The Sweeney Cup (Vancouver) group retained the trophy. This is a one day event, match play competition. Next year, the Huntting Cup will return to Vancouver at a site to be determined.

Harris Erickson (Cont'd)

At this years' AGM, the members in attendance voted to increase the handicap factor to 15.0 in order to encourage increased participation in the events. We hope that all in attendance today will "Pass the word" and let new and existing friends and fellow club members know that this offers ladies in Zone 5 a great opportunity to engage in some friendly competition, learn the rules, and improve their competitive golf skills.

An Harris Erickson information sheet is in each Captain's folder and you are requested to post in a prominent spot in your locker room.

Our thanks to the Zone 5 Executive for continuing to support the Harris Erickson Group.

Motion to accept Reports Moved by Doreen Hall (CH), seconded by Pat Molyneaux (CGC)

VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARDS: Margaret Rogers

On this very day, our Volunteer Service Award recipient, Doreen Sharratt, is on her way to India. So as not to miss the opportunity of presenting the award to Doreen before she left, the Arbutus Ridge ladies made a surprise presentation at their AGM on September 30th. Also on hand to surprise Doreen were her daughter, Glenna, and three members from the Zone Committee, Peggy, Anni and Barb. Margaret read a card from Doreen thanking the Zone for the award.

Presentations were made today to other Zone winners:

Dorothy Olive Franklin Winner:	Cyndi Powers, Arbutus Ridge
BC Pin Round – 18 holes:	Lynn Rippon, Uplands
BC Pin Round - 9 holes:	Irene Clarke, Ardmore

Unfortunately we were not advised by BC Golf that the Provincial Net Winner this year was Jacqui Watson of Cordova Bay. As the prizes only arrived this morning, there was no time to contact Jacqui and the lovely shield will be presented by Sue Ovans at their club.

Congratulations to all.

ELECTIONS: Margaret Rogers

Two positions were open for election for the 2015-2016 term. The following two individuals have let their names stand for election:

Treasurer	-	Bonnie Fung, Olympic View
Junior Development –		Anni Jakubowski, Glen Meadows

As there were no further nominations from the floor, the above were elected by acclamation.

The following appointments were made for 2015.

Course Rater/Handicap Chair	Peggy Wright, Royal Colwood
Rules Chair	Lee Frank, Olympic View
Secretary/Publicity	Barbara Rainey, Cedar Hill

ELECTIONS (Cont'd)

With the resignation of Nancy Greer, we are looking to make an appointment for one year to the position of Vice/Tournament Chair. Elections will then be held in 2015 for a 2-year term for 2016-2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

By-Law Amendments: Barbara Rainey

Amendments were forwarded to each Captain on September 9th requesting input. There being none, the following motion was put forward.

MOTION; By Barbara Rainey, seconded by Jeanne Royer-Collard (OV)

Accept By-Law amendments as distributed September 9, 2014

Carried

WEBSITE: Barbara Rainey, assisted by Retta Sharples (AR)

With the financial assistance of Susan Dafoe, we are finally able to launch a new website for Zone 5 Women. Actual launch date was not expected until January 1st, however, we have moved along rapidly and the site is up now and working. Keep in mind that at this date, clubs and dates are not etched in stone. We should have this information secured by late January or early February. For scheduling purposes, the dates should be good.

Barb went through the website page by page explaining the various entries and new additions to the site. Entry to tournaments can now be done on line although we will still request player's cheques to be mailed separately. We were delighted with the response, and some excellent suggestions came from the floor regarding a drop down menu off Events/Tournament to give background information on Tournaments, including Harris Erickson; link from club logo to map location of club - will attempt to incorporate. Photos and a junior page are yet to be done.

All in all, attendees were pleased with the new website.

CLOSING REMARKS: Margaret Rogers

We have been very fortunate to have the support of Metro Lexus Toyota for a number of years. Our contact over this period has been Bob Marchand who is now retiring. Thanks to Bob, we have had a very pleasant relationship with MTL and hope this will continue for many years to come.

Susan Dafoe of National Bank Financial has been assisting us financially with the juniors and the Foursomes, and this year came forward to fund our new website. This is a considerable amount of financial support for which we are very grateful.

Peggy spoke about the importance of a Handicap Committee. It is so important that each Captain makes sure that her Rules and Handicap Chair keeps all members informed as to what scores to put on the computer and does so in a timely manner. Remember, Peg is available to answer questions.

Anni worked very hard for the juniors this year and we do have some exciting changes that may be made in 2015 to boost the numbers of the junior girls.

Lee mentioned in her report that the Pace of Play is definitely improving. This is also up to the Captain's to remind their members to be mindful of this.

We are always moving forward with new additions as the use of computers become more apparent. I know that most of the Captains now keep their members informed re emails, and this is a good thing, however, I have to impress on each Captain that it is also very important that you post our posters and messages in your Locker Room as well. The Committee is known to check out Locker Rooms when they are golfing at various clubs, and it has been noticed that this is not always done. We thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Finally, I would like to thank all the Committee members for their hard work this past year. You are such a great team. Welcome to all the new Captains, and we look forward to a great 2015!!

Meeting adjourned by Marianne Hunt (CGC)

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